

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Figs. 2-3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2-3. In Figure 2, the reference numeral "16" has been corrected to "6".

Attachment:      Replacement Sheet  
                  Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Applicant has amended dependent claims 2, 8 and 10-13 to depend from allowed claim 9.

Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

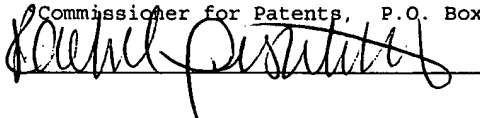
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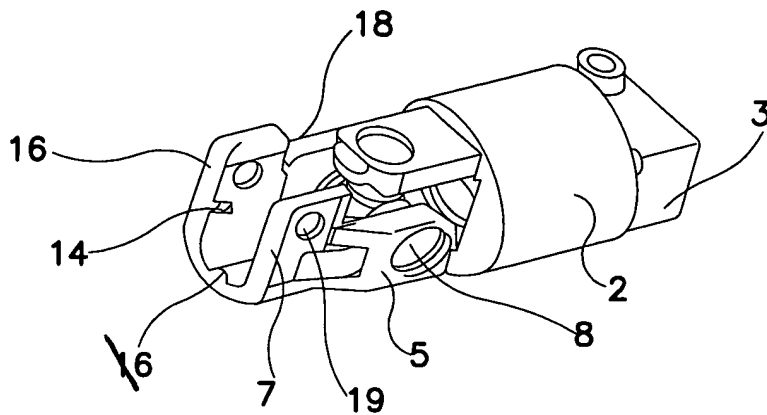


FIG. 2

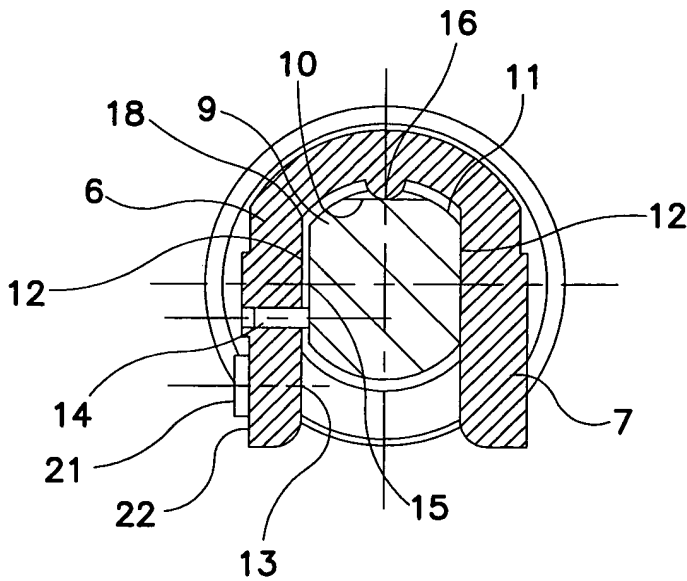


FIG. 3